

NOTES AND NEWS.

Several little letters are on hand for next week.

Three were added to the church at Rossville, Ohio, during Bro. Mallott's visit there.

Brethren in Iowa propose holding a District S. S. Convention on the 8th of August.

Bro. Holsinger left last Friday noon for Berlin, Penna., and his next field of labor will be W. Virginia.

We expect to preach at the church in John's Addition, in Mansfield next Lord's day afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Bro. J. H. Swihart has been hindered in his work by a serious accident to one of his sons. We have not learned the particulars.

Bro. W. C. Perry and wife, left last Saturday to spend two weeks in the vicinity of Dayton and in the country west of the city. We wish them a pleasant time.

Steady and persistent work in the fear and faith of the Lord is the kind that will tell a good story. That is what Bro. McFadden and the church in which he works are doing.

Bro. J. March, of Bellfontaine, Ohio, writes for fifty Evangelist Hymn Books, and says they have good meetings once a month by Bro. A. M. Ridenour. We are pleased to hear this.

The College has bright prospects now for a good attendance next term, and we hope the brethren will make the realization more than the prospects, by sending their children here.

Bro. Isaac Kilhefner, Secretary of the Home Mission Board, expects to have solicitors appointed in every Brethren congregation in Ohio, in a short time, and expects to publish the list in next week's EVANGELIST.

Several dear little children, at Louisville, Ohio, and other points have sent ten cents with their letters for the Mission and Educational Fund. In a week a full report of the amount paid out and received will be published.

Subscribers who have not yet paid their subscription for this year are requested to remember that we are in need of all amounts due us. Those who have subscribed to agents, we trust will pay them so that they can pay us. Do not forget it.

Harvest is now over and now is an excellent time for the sisters to swell their one dollar donations. There is now over \$150. on the list. You can raise the \$1,000, sisters, if you continue the effort. Let some young sister in each congregation volunteer to canvass her church to aid this work.

Bro. McFadden proposes to take up a collection in the church in which he works to gather up the fragments for the College. That is right. We are anxious to have this work closed up, as we are getting tired of so much talk about it. We wish all could feel the importance of finishing it, and send in their notes or money to help it along.

A note from Waterloo, Iowa dated July 19th, says: yesterday Bro. Bashor baptized a very

intelligent young lady at Hudson, just before the evening service, and at the regular hour preached to at least 500 people. All his appointments are well attended. In fact no church in the city or country averages a larger or even as large attendance as the Brethren. They are prospering and are very thankful to Providence who favors them.

Bro. E. L. Hildebrand is now at his home in Iowa, and is able to calmly mediate over a long and interesting absence. There is a sentiment lingering around the very word home. He applied himself while away and profited by his absence, still the home is the dearest place. So as saints we are to profit by being absent from home, and the absence when profitably used, will add to the beauty, dearness and loveliness of the home in heaven.

Bro. Harvey Lichty, of Carleton, Nebraska, paid Ashland a visit last week. They stopped a short time in Chicago to see the city, and then came to this place. They remained two days, and then went to Alliance, Ohio, where sister Lichty remained with her folks, and he will continue his journey to Pennsylvania. Bro. Lichty was formerly a professor in the College. He is a man of ability, in matters of finance as well as books. He is in the banking and real estate business, having brother Whipkey as a partner.

Bro. D. White of Englewood, Cal., writes that he is now at his new home in the mountains, and is preaching to the people there. He says that the message is treated with surprise, and they are like some of old were: they wonder whether these things can be; and are disposed to believe only the tangible. They are so intensely human that they cannot realize that the spiritual is really the natural in religion. In divine things, the Supernatural to our sensual intelligence, is the natural, while the earthly or tangible is altogether foreign or intangible, so far as recognition is concerned. The man who is spiritually born, knows that he has a companion and Father in God; but he is intangible; so the spirit knows that there are earthly bodies, and that they are susceptible to impressions from a spiritual source, yet the spirit does not see the body as the mortal man desires to see the spiritual and see God. The new creature in Christ Jesus, is a spirit in prison, and groans to be delivered. We are sure if our brother reasons of temperance, righteousness and judgment to come, the convicting power of the Holy Ghost will accompany his message, and have its perfect work upon the hearts of those who may sit under the sound of the Gospel. Faith in God, and persistent work will always win.

We are sad to know that our brother fell from a house on which he was at work and severely injured his foot.

Through the EVANGELIST some time ago, Bro. Mallott thought I had better be behind the Sacred Desk dealing out the bread of eternal life to the unsaved, than stand behind the dry goods counter selling the decorations of the body. I am not sure that I am using his language exactly, but such was his meaning. I am

now away from the store, and if any church wishes to secure my services in evangelist effort, I am ready to correspond with them.

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DEAR EVANGELIST:—I am again down to solid work. It was again my privilege to meet with the good people of the Bethel church. I found the church in good spirits under the workings of Bro. Ed. L. Hildebrand. Bro. H. is a good earnest worker and did good service during my absence. I am much indebted to him and hope he may forgive me on the line of the Lord's prayer. The church here liked him very much. There is no doubt but that he will make an efficient laborer in God's vineyard. The church needs such men and can make use of worse men than Bro. H. He has several studies to finish yet and then he will take a diploma from Ashland College. Some church had better set its eye on him and procure him as its pastor. There will be plenty of fields open for him, and any church that needs a good pastor might do well to consult him soon, for good men are in demand.

Bro. H. preached his last sermon to a large concourse of people across the road from the Greenwood G. B. church. We used to worship in the G. B. church, but somebody "molested us and made us afraid." Now we worship in Nature's Hall. This is a most spacious affair, with sufficient accommodations in fair weather, but woe unto us heathen men and publicans when it rains, for the roof is higher than the clouds. We are the Greenwood church proper. This gives us plenty of opportunity to "walk in the light of His countenance." To sit in the shady forest makes one feel like singing,

"Cover my defenceless head,
With the shadow of thy wing."
A. A. COBER.

Glentford, O.

Communion Notice.

There will be a communion meeting held in Sherwood, Ohio, on the line of the B. & O. R. R. 10 miles west of Defiance, Tuesday evening August 3rd. Preparatory service at 6.30 p. m. by Bro. R. F. Mallott. The usual invitation is extended by the brethren of the church at "Dry Creek," Defiance Co., Ohio.

ISAAC STUCKMAN.

Pacifists.

For the last week we have been having some warm weather, the mercury, at about 2 p. m. ranging from 95 to 102 degrees above zero in the shade.

The bulk of the grain in Cal. is harvested, and ranchers are now hauling their grain to market. Wheat is about 80 cents a bushel.

Yesterday, July 15th, Elders George and J. P. Wolfe, sisters Anna Wolfe sister H. E. Beer and I, in company under "the vine and fig tree" decided to call a special council to convene at the same place on the 24th inst., to determine whether or not we shall have a campmeeting this season.

We are glad to see that there is such unanimity of sentiment with reference to the convention; but why do we not hear from the committee? Please, brethren, tell us whether we shall

have a convention, or whether your decision is adverse.

This morning for the first time in four months we hear thunder in the Coast Mountains, and we see some clouds. There might be a sprinkle in this valley, but we do not expect a rain.

J. W. BEER.

Lathrop, Cal., July 16, 1886.

The Dayton Church Decision, Rendered at Last.

Judge Elliott this morning, July 19th, rendered his long looked for decision on the church property question in this city. It was one of the longest Court documents that I ever listened to. No wonder it took him so long to get ready. It was the same old sickening story over again about Annual Meeting Supremacy and adjoining elder authority. In support of his decision in favor of A. M. church, quotation after quotation from the G. B. minutes and the Kurtz cyclopedia was made until you imagined you were at one of the adjoining elder meetings where some poor sinner against Dunkard pope-dom was being tried. The sharp, eloquent, cutting sayings of brethren Brown, West and others at the Brethren Dayton Convention were raked up to support the idea that the progressives were no part nor parcel of the Baptist brethren or Tunker church. The dear old name "Brethren church"—re-adopted at our last convention was by him understood to be a new name for a new but seceding party and hence not entitled to church property.

Case after case, out of the books similar troubles in other churches had sprung up, were cited and decisions on church property were always in favor of the party holding to the dominant power in conferences.

Hence, the Dayton congregation of Brethren though granted to be a separate church district from Beaver Creek, because of informality (according to G. B. Miami Valley elder rule) in the organization their officers, ministers, deacons and trustees, the Court ignored and the old G. B. trustees, out in the country, came into indisputable possession of this old brethren landmark, on the corner of Jackson and Vanburen streets. The most singular of all things in this elaborate decision the judge says in the winding up, "In as much as both the Conservatives and Progressives claim having any scriptural right to gain from each other or from any body else property by litigation and both claim to be a religious people as churches working for the illumination of the unsaved, I advise that they sell the property in dispute and give the Progressives one third of the proceeds."

Good advice, but why did he not make that the decision from a point of equity in law?

Advise; Advise; Unless it is coming to the Conservatives to be subject to the advice of higher powers the legislative and judiciary of our land, there is little to be hoped for in the judge's advice. Does the judge know the record the Conservatives have made for themselves in the last few years on church property questions? Certainly not. They have acted just like other sectarians—thrown charity to the wind—in their greed for gain have gone to the fullest ex-

tent of the law, and if in the judgment to come God will measure to them as they measure to Progressive Brethren, the hand-writing on the wall of the Babylonian palace did no less declare the doom of the king than it will theirs, "Weighed and found wanting."

O what charity, like a sweet faced virgin of beauty, love and peace, may step up and look those Conservative brethren lovingly and beseechingly in the face, and say to them "while you live let others live also." "While you claim to work for the Master, give others a chance also," and thus gain a signal victory for Jesus. The old meeting house here in the city one of the old landmarks for the last few years more than ever has been open every Lord's day, and a standing invitation "O come and let us worship" given to all, to Conservatives, Old Order and Progressives, and now, soon, the ejectment will come and the workers have gone and under the auctioneer's hammer the highest bidder may erect a devil's den and instead of the songs of praise to the most high God go up from that historic corner, the imprecations, blasphemy and horrid curses of drunken midnight revelry; for a Conservative told me today "we will sell it," and the faithful little band of brethren are not able to buy it. I drop a cluster of tears of sympathy here, and close to await results.

E. S. MILLER.

Dayton, Ohio.

A church should not grow strong for its own sake; but for the world which needs it.

God holds the person of one talent just as responsible for its proper use as he does the man who has ten.

Faith will throw in the net of prayer again and again, as long as God commands and the promise encourageth.—*Salter*.

Christ has lived, and He asks living followers. He has died a sacrifice, and He asks the spirit of self-sacrifice in you.—*Bishop Huntington*.

Men talk about what unbelief is doing to kill and destroy Christianity, but indifference is vastly more to tie its hands and smother it and make it powerless.

It is a shame for a rich Christian man to be like a Christmas-box that receives all and nothing can be got out till it is broken in pieces; or like unto a drowning man's hand that holds whatsoever it gets.—*Dr. John Hall*.

When Alexander the Great visited Diogenes, he asked if there was anything that he could give him. He got his short answer: "I want nothing but that you should stand from between me and the sun." One thing there is which should never satisfy and content us, and that is anything that stands between our soul and Christ.—*Bishop Ryle*.

Sisters' Band to Raise \$1,000 for Ashland College.

Previously Reported	\$149.00
Mary Ann Holdeman \$1.	Sarah Harley \$5.
Eliza Wampler \$1.	Esther J. Martin \$1.
Mary Wilt \$1.	Mrs. James John \$1.
Lizzie Richey \$1.	Adaline John \$1.
Esther Goldinger \$1.	Mrs. Daniel Myers \$1.
Eliza Musselman \$1.	Susan Zellers \$1.
Nannie Zimmerman \$1.	
[The above seventeen dollars were paid to me. I have notes and promises from other sisters but cannot publish here until paid as this fund is paid up. H. R. HOLSINGER.]	
Mary E. Hamilton \$1.	
Total	\$167.00.